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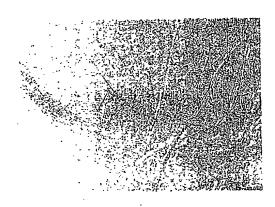
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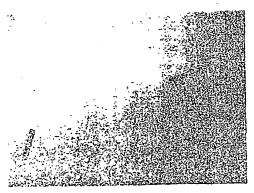
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α-PGG crystals (x 50) Long, thin and needle-like



β-PGG crystals (x 50) Short and rod-like

(57) Abstract: A simple, inexpensive, and efficient method for separation and purification of the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ - FORMS OF penta-O-galloyl-D-glucose (PGG) without the need for HPLC. The methods provided herein are useful for separating  $\alpha$ -PGG or  $\beta$ -PGG from a mixture that contains  $\alpha$ -PGG and  $\beta$ -PGG and other chemicals. The method for separation of  $\alpha$ -PGG from a mixture of  $\alpha$ -PGG and  $\beta$ -PGG comprises the steps of: adding water to a sample containing 50% or more  $\alpha$ -PGG and 50% or less  $\beta$ -PGG; mixing the PGG and water to dissolve the PGG; filtering out any undissolved particles; and allowing the filtered solution to stand undisturbed until crystals form.